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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA TRIP TO CONDOR AREA

Thirteen members and friends of the Golden Gate Audubon Society enjoyed a fine Memorial Day Week end of birding, in the Condor area of the Los Padres National Forest and at Squaw Flat in the Sespe Wildlife Refuge. "Condor" was the word and Condor was seen, four birders of the group having this privilege. The weather started off Saturday with fog but it soon disappeared allowing the Condor to be seen. The highlight of the day was not only a Condor but, also, a Scarlet Tanager (male) which was seen by all the birders. Too, there was a possibility of nesting activities.

The following 63 species were heard and observed: Turkey Vulture, California Condor; Sharp-shinned, Red-tailed and Sparrow Hawk, California and Mountain Quail, Mourning Dove, Poor-will, White-throated Swift; Black-chinned, Costa's, Anna's and Allen's Hummingbird, Red-shafted Flicker, Nuttall's Woodpecker, Western Kingbird, Ash-throated Flycatcher, Black and Say's Phoebe, Western Flycatcher, Western Wood Pewee, Olive-sided Flycatcher; Violet-green and Cliff Swallow, Steller's and Scrub Jay, Common Raven, Chestnut-backed Chickadee (C. Hines), Plain Titmouse, Common Bushtit, Wrentit; House and Winter Wren (C. Hines), Bewick's Wren, Mockingbird, California Thrasher, Robin, Russet-backed Thrush, Western Bluebird, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Phainopepla, Loggerhead Shrike; Hutton's and Warbling Vireo; Orange-crowned, Yellow and Wilson's Warbler, Western Meadowlark; Red-winged and Brewer's Blackbird, Brown-headed Cowbird, Black-headed Grosbeak; Purple and House Finch, Pine Siskin, Lesser Goldfinch, Rufous-sided and Brown Towhee, Rufous-crowned Sparrow, Oregon Junco, Song Sparrow, Scarlet Tanager.

—H. G. PETERSON, *Leader* and CHAS. HINES, *Historian*

JUNE TRIP TO LAND'S END AND GOLDEN GATE PARK

On June 28th, about twenty five members and guests enjoyed perfect weather and good birding at Land's End, San Francisco. Guillemots performed in the water and on rocky ledges. Brandt's Cormorant nests were sighted on off-shore rocks. On the way home a few stops were made in Golden Gate Park where cunning baby Coots were observed.

The following 34 species were seen or heard: Western Grebe; Brandt's and Pelagic Cormorant, Mallard, Sparrow Hawk, California Quail, American Coot, Western and Heermann's Gull, Caspian Tern, Pigeon Guillemot, Mourning Dove, Allen's Hummingbird, Downy Woodpecker, Black Phoebe, Olive-sided Flycatcher, Violet-green and Cliff Swallow, Chestnut-backed Chickadee, Common Bushtit, Brown Creeper, Wrentit, Robin, Bewick's Wren, House Sparrow, Brewer's Blackbird, Brown-headed Cowbird, Purple and House Finch, Pine Siskin, American Goldfinch, Rufous-sided Towhee; White-crowned and Song Sparrow.

—FLORENCE PLYMELL, *Leader and Historian*

CONSERVATION

Everyone agrees that education is the strongest spoke in the conservation wheel but too often educational angles are overlooked because of ideas on too grand a scale. This spring, the Glorietta Elementary School dedicated the town of Orinda's first Outdoor Heritage Area together with the Margaret K. Anderson Wildlife Trail. (I note with interest that among the many community organizations listed as having made a contribution to this project was a Junior Audubon Club.)

This is education! These children who participated have learned, even though in a small way, that muscle and time and energy must play a part at times, in preserving a lovely spot. They will look with pride and appreciate with gratitude this tiny area, as spreading concrete and bulldozers erase more and more of their community.

The Oakland School Board has decided to retain the Chabot and Tilden Park science programs for the Oakland schools, in the present fiscal year. The Golden Gate Audubon Society sponsored a number of letters protesting the proposed deletion of these educational activities. We like to think that our letters helped influence the Board of Education to reach its present decision.

—GLADYS SMITH, *Conservation Chairman*

NATIONAL WILDERNESS PRESERVATION BILL is now in Congress—(Senate S1176 and HR 500). Write to your senator and representative and members of the Interior Committee urging them to vote for it. Address them Senate or House Office Building, Washington, D. C.

NOTES FROM HAWAII—Waimano Trial, June 8th. We stopped to look back over the coloured scene spread out below; green pastureland, red soil, deep blue water of Pearl Harbor and away beyond the green ocean with its line of white breakers pounding on the reef.

We started our walk along the trail. Among the mass of staghorn fern where flowering Cayenne Vervain, many Phillipine mountain orchids and a lobelia. We heard and eventually saw two elepaio, heard all around the song of the leiothrix and one distant bush warbler.

The path went steeply down a gully most conveniently edged with stout hanging vine providing the perfect hand-hold, crossed a stream and up the opposite bank. From the top we looked down into a wide valley. The farther slope was covered with lehua in bloom.

By this time rain was falling quite heavily, not enough, however, to subdue the enthusiasm of the North American Cardinal. Their calls were to be heard at intervals through out the entire day.

The sun eventually broke through the cloud. Lovely shafts of light caught the yellow tops of the massed kukui trees and here and there a rosy leafed mango, out of the encircling mist.

Excerpts from THE ELEPAIO, Field Notes by Euphie G. M. Shields

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members to the Golden Gate Audubon Society: from Berkeley, Miss Bertha F. Bannister, Mr. Rickey Finch, Mrs. Copeland MacClintock, Miss Parthenia O'Connor, Miss Pearl Silverman; from Danville, Mr. John W. Bruce; from Oakland, Miss Ruby Brown, Mrs. C. M. Cox, Mr. E. B. Douglass, Mrs. Alicia G. Flint, Mrs. P. A. Tanner; from Piedmont, Mrs. Scott Rountree; from San Francisco, Miss Virginia Bush, Mr. Kenneth Culthbert, Mr. Richard M. Griffith, Jr., Mrs. Esther F. Moores, Mr. Kenneth C. Sears; from San Lorenzo, Mrs. David Allen, Mrs. Harold Alexander Hill; from Vallejo, Dr. George W. Brownridge, Mrs. W. L. Caprini. June 30, 1958—Total membership 933

—ROBERTA LONG, *Membership Chairman*

RESERVATIONS FOR SEPTEMBER MEETING

The regular September meeting, a Camp Scholarship Benefit event, will be held on September 11th, at Sequoia Lodge, on Mountain Boulevard. It will include a catered supper and there will be a special program. Details will follow in the September Gull. Be sure and save this night and tell your friends about it. Kindly fill out and mail the reservation enclosure.

ANNOUNCEMENT—There will be no August meeting of the Golden Gate Audubon Society. This decision was made by vote of the membership at the June meeting.

FIELD TRIPS FOR AUGUST

On Saturday, August 16, to Rodeo Lagoon in Marin County. This is usually a very interesting trip with many species of water birds present on either the ocean or the brackish lagoons behind the sandbar. Early migrants such as Phalaropes and Sandpipers may be seen. The meeting place will be the parking area just north of the Golden Gate Bridge and the time is 9:00 a.m. Leaders—Mrs. Elizabeth S. Lennon and Mr. Walter S. Lennon. Phone—EDgewater 2-1641.

On Saturday and Sunday, August 23 & 24, to Audubon Camp at Sugar Bowl. What makes the alumni of Audubon Camp so enthusiastic about it? This trip should reveal some of the secrets. A member of the camp staff will take the group through the camp and on one of the many interesting field trips in the area. Boca Reservoir, which offers a variety of sage brush and water birds, may be the spot. Warblers in migration and Black-backed Woodpeckers may be seen.

Meet at Audubon Camp (Sugar Bowl Lodge) at 10:00 a.m., Saturday. Turn off Highway 40 to the right of Soda Springs. Follow signs to the lodge. There are good camp sites at Big Bend of Yuba River and Hampshire Rocks west of the summit, and Donner Memorial State Park east of the summit. The distance is about 200 miles and the driving time is about 5 hours. Please, advise the Field Trip Chairman if you are going so that the camp supervisor may be notified of the number of cars he can expect. Leader—Charles Hines, Camp Staff.

HAROLD G. PETERSON, *Field Trip Chairman*

University of California, AUDUBON SCREEN TOURS, Wheeler Auditorium, August 7, 14, 21. Ticket Sales: 85¢ an evening at the Drama, Lectures, and Music Ticket Office, 2296 Telegraph Avenue, Berkeley, TH 1-1170, at University Extension in San Francisco and at the door prior to each performance.

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